

Department of Transportation

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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/s/ Sid Morrison
Secretary of Transportation

Work Zone Safety

This Executive Order is issued to state our commitment at all levels of the organization to support work zone safety at the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The implementation of this Order is the responsibility of all agency employees and shall be facilitated by improved communication and coordination among the varied disciplines and offices within the department in cooperation with our external partners, through the continued efforts of the Work Zone Safety Task Force.

To achieve this, we are establishing the following agency policy with this Executive Order:

Policy Number P 2002.00, Work Zone Safety: WSDOT's highest priority in its construction, maintenance, and related activities is to provide for the safety of workers and the traveling public in roadway work zones.

This Executive Order further directs that this policy shall be incorporated into all roadway activities, when they are appropriate and feasible, through the following elements:

Work Zone Safety Elements

1. Develop and support legislation which enhances work zone safety as needs are identified.
2. Support the identification, testing, and implementation of new products, procedures, and technologies.
3. Periodically update procedures, requirements, instructional letters, specifications, standards, and manuals.
4. Develop and implement public and worker information campaigns which enhance safety and mobility through and around work zones while increasing awareness of worker presence and the need for safety.
5. Monitor the implementation of safety practices and measure their effectiveness through work zone field reviews and analysis of accident trends. Recommend modifications or removal as appropriate.

6. Support a high level of expertise and awareness through ongoing training.
7. Support budget measures for work zone safety in the highway construction, maintenance, and other roadway activities.
8. Construct and maintain facilities at night only after careful consideration of worker and public safety, traffic congestion, disruption to adjacent property owners, project costs, and project quality.

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